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SUBJ: REDUCTION IN TERM OF SERVICE FOR TURKISH RESERVE OFFICERS

SUMMARY: TURKISH PRESS REPORTS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS PASSED BILL REDUCING PERIOD OF MILITARY SERVICE FOR RESERVE OFFICERS FROM EIGHTEEN TO FOUR MONTHS. BILL APPLIES TO UNIVERSITY GRADUATES WHO COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES BEFORE MAY 1, 1974. END SUMMARY.

1. TURKISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED THAT ON JUNE 13 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT) PASSED BILL REDUCING TERM OF RESERVE OFFICER ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE FROM EIGHTEEN TO FOUR MONTHS. TERMS OF BILL APPLY ONLY TO THOSE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES WHO COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES PRIOR TO MAY 1, 1974. PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION IS TO ENABLE ARMED FORCES TO ELIMINATE LARGE BACKLOG GRADUATES WHO ARE AWAITING INDUCTION. UNTIL THEIR MILITARY OBLIGATION IS COMPLETED THEY CAN NOT PREGMATIALLY BEGIN THEIR CIVILIAN CAREERS. CONSEQUENTLY, DISSATISFACTION AND FRUSTRATION HAVE GROWN AMONG THIS GROUP. PRESS ESTIMATES IT WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS FOR ARMED FORCES TO ELIMINATE CURRENT BACKLOG IF BILL PASSED BY GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND SIGNED INTO LAW. MEANWHILE, LAW'S FINAL
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FORM IS STILL UNDETERMINED SINCE IT MUST NOW GO TO SENATE FOR

PASSAGE. SENATE HAS OPTION OF ALTERING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VERSION, THOUGH ASSEMBLY CAN ULTIMATELY PASS ITS OWN VERSION IF GOVERNMENT CAN OBTAIN SUFFICIENT VOTES. FINALLY, BILL MUST BE SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT.

2. ISSUES WHICH REMAIN TO BE CLARIFIED ARE WHETHER RESERVE OFFICERS PRESENTLY SERVING FULL TOURS OF DUTY WILL HAVE THEIR TOURS REDUCED (PRESENT BILL DOES NOT HAVE PROVISION FOR THIS MODIFICATION, ACCORDING

TO VERSIONS APPEARING IN PRESS) AND QUESTION OF HOW THIS PLAN WILL AFFECT POST MAY 1 GRADUATES WHO ARE STILL SCHEDULED TO SERVE FULL EIGHTEEN MONTH TRAINING PERIOD. PRESS HAS ALSO REPORTED THAT NEW TRAINING CENTERS MAY HAVE TO BE SET UP TO ABSORB THOUSANDS OF INDUCTEES AFFECTED BY LEGISLATION.

3. WE ARE SEEKING TO OBTAIN COPY OF BILL AND WILL REPORT FURTHER INFO AND DEVELOPMENTS AS APPROPRIATE.
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